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Kuwait tells neighbors Reject presence of superpowers

KUWAIT, Feb. 16 (AP) — Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah called on the Gulf states Monday to reject any superpower military presence in the region...

Dollar makes new gains

LONDON, Feb. 16 (R) — The dollar made hefty new gains against other currencies, including the German mark and a shaky pound sterling, in lively trading on exchange markets Monday.

Saudi Arabia urges return of missing envoy

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Monday strongly denounced the kidnapping of Hisham Moheisen, the Jordanian charge d'affaires in Beirut, and called for cooperation to safeguard the life of innocent diplomats and others.

Israel rejects Sadat's call

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16 (AP) — Israel's government Monday blasted Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's call on Palestinians in occupied lands to form a government-in-exile with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

ILO foresees fall in inflation

GENEVA, Feb. 16 (R) — Inflation bit double figures in most countries during 1980 but there was a glimmer of hope that the rate might eventually drop, the International Labor Organization (ILO) said Monday.

Fahd meets officials

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Monday received Tareq Al Abdullah, acting-chairman of the Iraqi Presidency Council, Tarq, who arrived here Monday on a short visit, later left Riyadh.

Iran sends message to Fahd

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — A high-level Iranian official arrived here Monday with a message for Crown Prince Fahd from Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai.

U.S. official mum on KGB trap

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AFP) — Former United States assistant military attaché in Moscow Major James Holbrook Monday refused to comment on reports that he had been withdrawn from his post last month after the Soviet intelligence service (KGB) succeeded in trapping him in a compromising situation.

British miners to strike today

LONDON, Feb. 16 (R) — Leaders of 26,000 coal miners in the depressed South region voted Monday to go on strike from Tuesday in protest at government's plans to close unprofitable pits.

Nine die in crash

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16 (AFP) — At least nine persons were killed and seven injured in a collision between two trains about 75 kilometers northwest of Patna, capital of the eastern Bihar state.

Algeria to resolve gas dispute with U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (R) — Algeria's role in the U.S. hostage crisis could help the two countries resolve a 10-month dispute over gas prices during negotiations this week in Algiers, a U.S. energy department spokesman said.

Two balloonists give up voyage

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Two Americans attempting to make the first non-stop around-the-world balloon voyage gave up their journey after they began dropping height to catch air currents.

Yamani's promise helps Thais solve oil problems

Authority of Thailand. The balance 35,000 barrels was purified in Singapore because, according to Summit officials, the Thai refinery did not have the capacity to handle the full purchase.

Miners' leaders in Scotland decided Monday to recommend strike action

Miners' leaders in Scotland decided Monday to recommend strike action at a mass meeting next Friday. Leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers have demanded a meeting with the government this week and are seeking more subsidies for the industry and a ban on some imports of cheap coal.

Meanwhile, thousands of textile, garment and footwear workers Monday marched through London led by officials of 16 trade unions, calling for action against the crisis hitting their sectors. These three industries have shed 100,010 jobs.

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Algozaibi opens 1,010th factory

Industrial base praised

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algozaibi, acting on behalf of Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, Sunday dedicated the dairy factory of the Saudi-Irish Dairy Company set up with a SR55 million capital at Industrial Zone 11 off Al-Kharj road.

The factory will produce 50,000 liters of milk and dairy products a day and will employ 150 workers. Dr. Algozaibi announced that this was the 1,010th factory to be opened in Saudi Arabia and said, "one day we shall have a solid industrial base that we can pride ourselves with." He said that a factory used to be opened every three days under the second Five-Year-Development-Plan. "And we hope that under the third Plan a factory will be completed every two days," he added.

At the start of the second Plan, there hardly were 300 plants in Saudi Arabia in which less than SR1 billion had been invested. By the end of the plan the figure jumped to 1,000 plants in which more than SR26 billion had been invested, Dr. Algozaibi said.

Dr. Algozaibi thanked in particular Dallah-Avco company for having entered "with enthusiasm and determination" the industrial domain. He urged businessmen to follow Dallah-Avco's example and turn their attention to industry.

Taking the floor next, Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer noted that foreign investments in Saudi Arabia proved the strength of Saudi economy and the confidence which foreigners have in the country's (political and economic) stability. It also shows how active Saudi industrialists are, the minister pointed out.

The ceremony also was addressed by Michael Smith, Irish state minister for



RIBBON CUTTING: Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algozaibi (left) cuts the ribbon to the Saudi Irish Dairy Company in Riyadh. Planning Minister Hisham Nazer (right) and a dairy official witness the ceremony.

agriculture, who said he was impressed by Saudi Arabia's industrial renaissance, and by Brian Joyce, director general of the Irish Dairy Corporation.

In another development, possible Saudi Dutch cooperation in industry and electricity was discussed here Sunday between Dr. Ghazi Algozaibi, minister of industry and electricity, and G.J.M. Braks, the Netherlands minister of agriculture and fisheries.

The meeting was attended by Mahmoud Taiha, governor of the General Electricity Board; Dr. Fuad Al-Faresi, industry undersecretary; and Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel, vice president and delegated member to the board

of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC).

Braks, who arrived here Friday on a few days' visit to the Kingdom, also reviewed a wide range of economic issues Sunday with Sheikh Muhammad Aha Al-Khail, the minister of finance and national economy. He also discussed with Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer the participation of Dutch experts in Saudi Arabia's development projects.

In the morning, Braks and the accompanying delegation, visited the Regional Center for Agricultural and Water Research and the Agriculture Training Center. He also visited a water purification plant.

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Hasa tree planting

HASA, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Governor Prince Muhammad ibn Jiluwi, will dedicate a tree week here Sunday in which students and volunteers will take part. Sixteen thousand plants have been collected for the purpose. Other cities have already had their tree weeks or plan to have them soon.

Farmers training

UNAIZAH, Feb. 16 — Three training courses for farmers will be launched here by the agricultural training center. They will include operating and repairing farm equipment and the protection of farms from insects and weeds.

Well water stopped

MEDINA, Feb. 16 — The municipality here has suspended the operation of 24 wells which used to supply water to the holy city. The city now receives all its water from the desalination plant in Yanbu along the Red Sea.

Farewell John West

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — Foreign Minister Prince Saud will give a farewell party Monday in honor of the American Ambassador John West who is leaving the country Tuesday.

Food exhibition opened

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — The Commerce Undersecretary Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamel Sunday opened the Saudi Food-Smalls Exhibition in the presence of G.J. Braks, the Dutch minister of agriculture and fisheries, currently on a visit to Saudi Arabia.

Education delegation

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid, director of education for the Western Province, conferred Sunday with an education delegation from the United Arab Emirates. He briefed its members on the Kingdom's primary, intermediate and secondary education plans and school construction.

Prayer Times

Tuesday	Mecca	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr	5.25	5.29	5.01	4.49	5.14	5.45
Ishraq	6.50	6.54	6.26	6.14	6.39	7.10
Dhuhr	12.35	12.36	12.07	11.54	12.18	12.48
Assr	3.53	3.52	3.23	3.08	3.33	4.01
Maghreb	6.21	6.18	5.50	5.35	5.59	6.27
Isha	7.51	7.48	7.20	7.05	7.29	7.57

Medina official to open Arab cities seminar

Islamic heritage on agenda

MEDINA, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Abdul Aziz will inaugurate on Feb. 28 the first scientific seminar here on Arab cities patronized by the Arab Cities Organization.

The seminar will be attended by representatives from 18 Arab states, the Arab Cities Organization, the African Cities Organization, various universities, the Arab Urban Development Institute and a number of Saudi and foreign scholars.

The opening session also will be attended by Prince Mir'ah ibn Abdul Aziz, minister of public works and housing and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, and other prominent personalities. High on the agenda will be the main features and personality of Arab cities and the various factors which influenced their development as well as the cities' relationship with the cultural and Islamic heritage. Delegates also will ponder over how best to develop the cities without for as much affecting the Islamic heritage.

In a separate development, a meeting was held in Riyadh Sunday evening to discuss the best methods to eliminate garbage in Saudi cities. The meeting at the headquarters of the Higher Committee for the Development of Riyadh was attended by the Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim, Mecca Mayor Abdul Qader Koshak, Deputy Mayor of Medina Dr. Hassan Hojrah, and Maj. Gen. Yahya Al-

Alami, an aide to the public security chief for operations and deputy mayor of Riyadh.

Discussions center on house garbage, construction, street digging waste and other refuse as recommended by two committees set up by the Ministers of Interior and Municipal and Rural Affairs. A committee spokesman said that practical solutions were proposed, including the imposition of certain regulations which all citizens will have to comply with, and new garbage collection facilities to be provided either by municipalities or by contractor companies or owners of big shops. What to do with the garbage after it has been collected also was considered by the committee.

The committee's final report and recommendation will be submitted to Prince Mir'ah and Prince Naif who will then meet and propose to the King a new system which

will become compulsory to all municipalities, the police and local companies.

Meanwhile, the sum of SR 24 million was allocated Sunday for temporary surfacing at the limited income people zone north of Palestine Street in Jeddah. Deputy Mayor of Jeddah Barakat Bajmaid said the funds will be used to asphalt 20 kilometers of street. Work on the project already started about two months ago.

Bajmaid said Jeddah officials at present are preparing a study on the city's cleanliness and the possibility of washing the main streets with liquid detergents as well as removing trash. The study proposes the incineration of garbage, its transforming into methane gas which eventually could be used in some vital projects for the country. As soon as the study is ready, a tender will be launched for the city's cleanliness, the official said.

Hajj tent substitutes considered

MECCA, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Substitutes for tents was the subject matter of a Hajj Committee meeting here Sunday under Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen. Tents were found to be inconvenient and inflammable during the pilgrimage season.

The Central Pilgrimage Committee was shown various models of Saudi products which might be used as an alternative. The group also studied the various methods to make the tents fire resistant. It set up two committees to prepare detailed reports on tents' substitutes and fire resistant measures and submit them to the committee's next meeting on Feb. 26.

The substitutes to be proposed by the sub-committees will be tested during the coming pilgrimage season, Prince Saud said.

According to Ali Ahul Ola, the committee's secretary and legal adviser, the committee Sunday reviewed all contractor and supplier bids for substitutes such as locally manufactured hangers made of diverse material like iron and thermal isolators. It was briefed on the areas to be covered and how many pilgrims each hanger could contain, as well as on the necessary infrastructure.

The committee's recommendations will be submitted at an early date to Interior Minister Prince Naif, its president, for quick action.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Abdul Rahman Al-Yon

Assisting the needy is considered a basic obligation on every capable Muslim. We find several associations and philanthropic organizations working in Islamic societies to help the poorer class. But it becomes a matter of confidence and satisfaction when the state itself undertakes the responsibility of looking after the welfare of the needy section of the society.

Although some private circles have successfully carried out their welfare activities, it has always been the traditional view that state concern for such activities provides greater satisfaction. Taking a general view, we would see that the state organization in this field has provided enough opportunities of benefit for every needy family in the country, especially in rural and remote areas. Government agencies have adopted practical methods in the scrutiny and investigation of deserving cases to ensure that this social service is rendered to each and every needy family at the place of its residence and at the right time.

One significant aspect of social insurance is to create new ways and means for the establishment of investment projects which would benefit the needy sections of the society and their children in the future. Such projects would ensure a recurring source of livelihood and would minimize dependence on cash grants.

It is a matter of gratification that several social insurance departments are said to have successfully undertaken productive projects for the welfare of the deserving class. Their progress in such projects would undoubtedly give a new dimension to the matter of social insurance for the needy families. Investment projects would provide them opportunity to look forward to a dignified life for themselves and, after them, their family.

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Of decline in trade

Solaim warns American business

By a Staff Writer

AL KHOBAR, Feb. 16 — Commerce Minister Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim warned a meeting of American businessmen here Monday that the American presence in Saudi Arabia has dwindled considerably.

"The absolute increase in our total imports from America between 1978 and 1979 amounted to 8.3 per cent, yet America's share in our total imports in fact declined between these two years from 20.8 per cent to 19.1 per cent. As a matter of fact, the U.S. share in total imports in 1979 (19.1 per cent) has not changed much from its 1976 level of 18.6 per cent," the minister said.

In contrast, Japan and West Germany scored gains in both absolute and relative terms, Solaim said. He added that Japan's share in the Kingdom's total imports increased from 12 per cent in 1978 to 16 per cent in 1979, and West Germany's share rose from 8 per cent in 11 per cent in the same period.

The businessmen were told that even a slight erosion in the U.S. export market

Sheraton head visits

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — The President of Sheraton Europe, Africa, Middle East and India, Jahn Kapiocnas, arrived here for a short visit to the country. Sheraton Manages three luxury Hotels in Jeddah, Medina and Al Hada near Taif.



Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim

should be of concern to American businessmen. "Your Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that each \$1 billion worth of exports of manufactured goods generate jobs for 30,000 skilled employees in the United States." However, Solaim added that the proportion of Americans employed in Saudi Arabia declined by 30 per cent between 1976 and 1979. "Hence it would seem that technicians from other countries are replacing Americans.

"As businessmen you probably know that

Prepares for Thatcher's visit

Hurd praises Cooperation Council

By Javid Hassan

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — British Minister of State Douglas Hurd Monday lauded the establishment of the Cooperation Council of the Gulf Arab States.

Hurd made the remarks at a press conference after arrival here to prepare for the forthcoming visit of British Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher.

The minister told newsmen that the council would help consolidate relations among the Gulf states in various fields.

Under the agreement reached in Riyadh,

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates have decided to co-ordinate their activities in economic, financial, educational, cultural and other affairs.

In reply to another question, Hurd said he regarded the security of the Gulf as primarily a concern of the Gulf Council.

The Kingdom, he said, is playing a key role in international affairs. This is evident from the recent Islamic summit at Taif "which was a great success." Saudi Arabia's initiative is

Swedish king honored

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16 — The Saudi Arabian Charge d'Affaires here gave a reception Monday night in the honor of King Gustav and the Swedish queen on the occasion of their upcoming visit to the Kingdom. The reception was also attended by Swedish Foreign Minister (Ulla Ullsten) and the delegation that will accompany the Swedish monarch to his visit to Saudi Arabia.

mobilizing support against the continued Soviet presence in Afghanistan is "particularly important," Hurd added.

He was happy to note the successful conclusion of the fifth annual meeting of the Saudi Arabian British Joint Economic Commission, particularly the close working relationship between the British government and the Kingdom.

Referring to the Palestinian issue, he said his government favored a European initiative in the matter. He appreciated the constructive role which Saudi Arabia is playing at the OPEC. "We in the West realize that we have to conserve energy and find alternative sources. We accept that the price of oil will continue to rise but we hope that sudden shocks will be avoided," Hurd remarked.

Hurd left for Riyadh Monday to formulate the agenda for Thatcher's talks. The subjects for the agenda will cover the Middle East, the Afghanistan issue and bilateral relations, especially in the field of trade and commerce.

Though British exports to Saudi Arabia rose by 17 per cent last year, the balance of trade is still in favor of the Kingdom.

Somali freedom fighters seek Kingdom's aid

By Munir Muhammad Ali

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — Representatives of the Somali Abbo Liberation Front are in the Kingdom to explain their cause after being denied independent observer status at the third Islamic summit last month.

Yusuf Hassan Gababa, SALF political and foreign relations office secretary, told Arab News Monday that the problem of the Horn of Africa was "wrapped up in one item of the conference's agenda, and the SALF's initial scheme to take part as an independent observer could not be met.

"The item on the Horn of Africa regarded the issue as one of Muslims oppressed and a refugee problem in Western Somalia (Ogaden) and Eritrea," Gababa said. "The people of the Horn of Africa should be helped, especially the refugees. Aid for refugees is of great help to the liberation movements," he added.

However, some Islamic, Arab and most African countries view the issue as a problem of refugees "without trying to face the reality." Though not sufficient, he said it is a step in the right direction. "The next step will be official recognition of these movements which we are trying to achieve," Gababa added.

The Somali Abbo Liberation front fights against Ethiopia for the freedom of three southern provinces which border Somalia and Kenya. The Sidamo, Bale and Arusi provinces were occupied by Ethiopians under the Emperor Minilik in the late 19th century. British, French and Italian colonial forces had played an effective role with armed assistance to the Abyssinian empire.

The movement which began in 1963 is a "national liberation struggle aiming to restore the right of self-determination of the people of the three provinces," he said. The front is a collusion of numerous nationalities in the three provinces. "Naturally, these nationalities include Somalis who first initiated the armed struggle in 1964, and were joined by the other peoples in the region," Gababa said.

The SALF controls more than 85 per cent



TRAINING: SALF freedom fighters training in southern Somalia.

of the land, restricting Ethiopian troops to the major towns only. "In 1978, we had liberated most of the major towns which later were re-occupied by Ethiopians after receiving massive Soviet military aid" the SALF official added. Their forces are well organized in divisions and brigades and had numbered up to 150,000 fighters in 1977-78 clashes with the Ethiopians, the freedom fighter said.

However, Gababa declined to mention the present figure of SALF fighters, but he said that the number has been considerably decreased for lack of regular and sufficient ammunition, medical, financial and food supplies. But they are kept as reserves in a militia.

The front's arms supplies come from "various friendly countries." But about 60 per cent of ammunition and weapons under use are captured from the Ethiopian army. When the Soviets threw their bulk behind Ethiopia and Eastern weapons entered the battle SALF fighters had no difficulty in using captured arms because "they matched their own weapons" Gababa said.

The official said that SALF, like all other freedom movements in the East African country, can not force Ethiopia into accepting their conditions as long as the Soviets support it.

The SALF official strongly affirmed the group's independence from other movements in the region. The front has good ties with the Western Somali Liberation Front which fights for the liberation of Ogaden, the Eritrean movements, the Afars and other freedom movements of the world.

"However, the SALF does not recognize the Oromo Liberation Front (also fighting for self determination of some Ethiopian provinces) which has no existence inside the country or never carried its struggle against the oppressors," Gababa asserted.

Also the SALF does not adhere to any ideology that might divide the region's people. It is neutral and cultivates relations with all, besides the region's people have had deep ties with Somalia and Islamic community and the Arab world, according to Gababa. "We don't intend to fall into the mistakes of the Eritrean Revolution," he added.

IDB head meets Kuwait minister

DUBAI, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, United Arab Emirates finance and industry minister, discussed Sunday with Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, president of the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank, the items on the draft agenda of the coming session of the bank's board of governors in Khartoum.

Dr. Ali said he briefed the minister on the bank's 200 equity participation projects undertaken since 1976 involving \$1.8 billion.

The IDB's board of governors is made up of the member states' ministers of finance and economy.

Earlier in the day, Dr. Ali was received by Sheikh Hamad bin Muhammad Al-Sharqi, member of the UAE's supreme council and governor of Fujairah. Talks dealt with the construction of a cement project in Fujairah in which the bank participated to the rate of 12 per cent in the equity of the plant's 350 million dinar capital.

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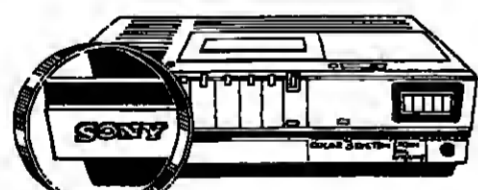
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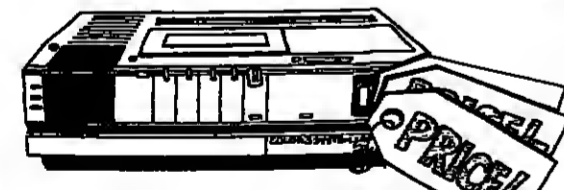
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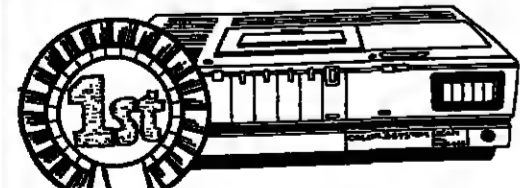
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Sihanouk initiative

Anti-Vietnam front to meet in N. Korea

PEKING, Feb. 16 (AFP) — Talks between former Kampuchean leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk and the Khmer Rouge on forming an anti-Vietnamese front will open in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang at the end of the month. In a telephone call to the Agence France-Presse Bureau here from Pyongyang, where he resides, the prince said Sunday he will be meeting with Khieu Samphan, prime minister of the Democratic Kampuchea regime ousted by Vietnamese forces in January 1979.

The prince said he did not expect the talks to be successful at the start because of his numerous disagreements with the Khmer Rouge during the period they held him in Phnom Penh from 1975 to 1979. He would then propose that the talks resume in November he said, adding "I'm not in any hurry."

The prince has just accepted the idea of leading a coalition of all Kampuchean resistance groups fighting the Vietnamese forces. He has proposed Khieu Samphan as prime minister, and last Wednesday, the Khmer Rouge leader said he was ready to have talks with the prince.

The opening of the negotiations between Prince Sihanouk and his old enemies comes as a diplomatic success for China which had for months been calling for the formation of such a front under the patronage of the prince. In his telegram to AFP, the prince said disagreement with the Khmer Rouge was especially serious on the subject of total

Woman bandit leader kills 22 in N. India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16 (AP) — A woman bandit leader led her gang into a northern Indian village and slew some 22 persons for allegedly sheltering a rival gang leader who had killed her lover, the United News of India reported.

UNI said that the woman, Phoolan Devi, 25, and her 24-member gang attacked Behamai village, about 450 kms southeast of here, Saturday. Police reinforcements were rushed to the area. The report said that the bandits, all of whom wore police uniforms, ordered the male villagers to assemble at one house. They then asked the natives for information about Devi's enemy, Sitram Singh, who had gunned down her lover, Vikram Mallah, last year.

When the terrified villagers insisted that they had no information about Singh, Devi ordered her men to first heat them with clubs and then open fire. The bandits also plundered the village before departing, UNI said, quoting several wounded villagers.

disarmament of all groups in Kampuchea following an eventual withdrawal of Vietnamese troops and the setting up of United Nations-guaranteed international supervision of the country "for several years."

He declared that as prime minister, Khieu Samphan would be in charge of diplomatic, political and military matters in a coalition which the prince would head but without having direct responsibility. In exchange for his agreement to head the front, Sihanouk asked China to supply military aid to all the armed anti-Vietnamese groups in Kampuchea, notably his own supporters, and not just the Khmer Rouge.

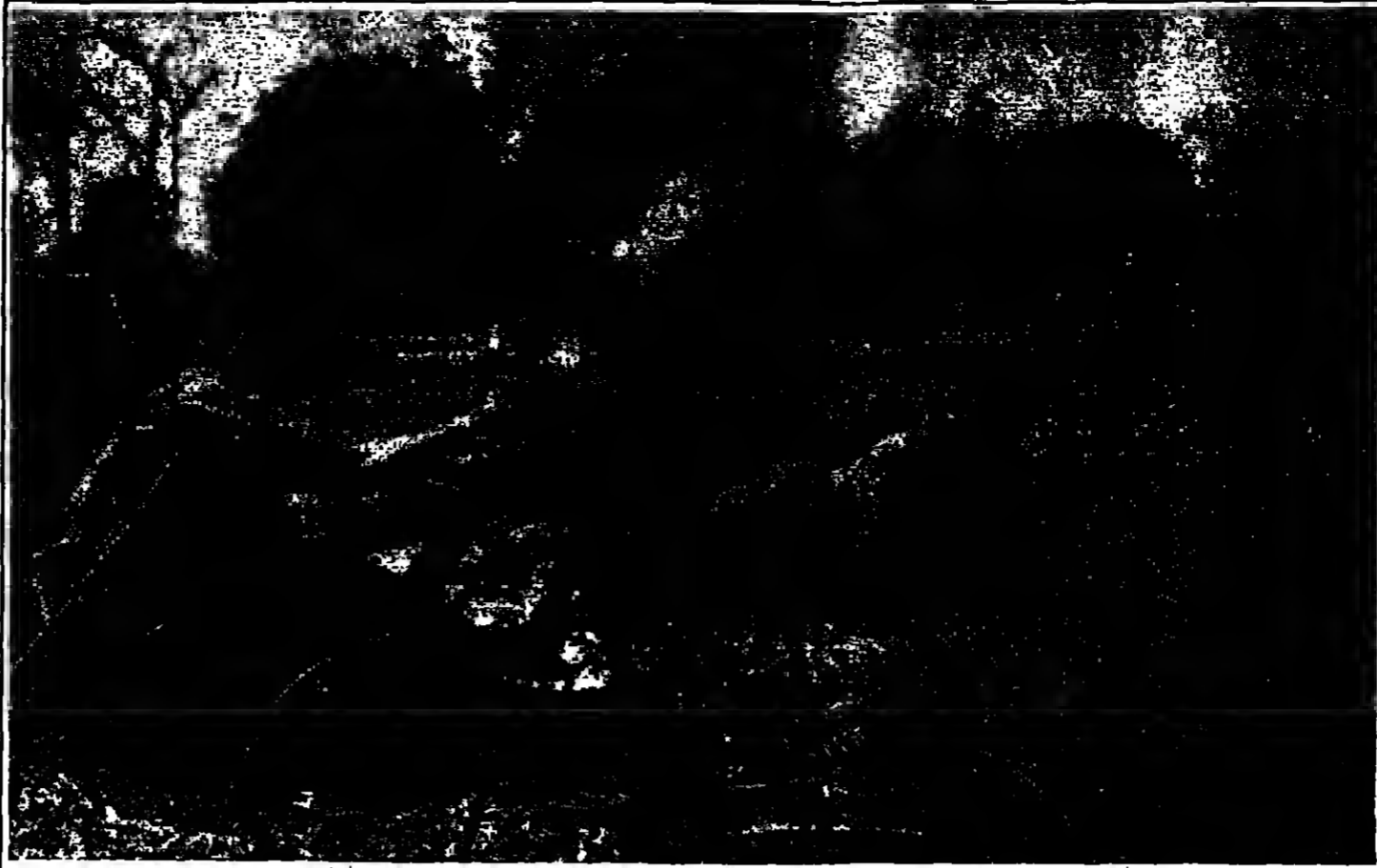
China was anxious for the former leader to make up with the Khmer Rouge especially because Peking could see the writing on the wall for them on the international diplomatic scene. Britain broke off relations with Khmer Rouge regime of Kampuchea a year ago, and the latest country to make such a move was Australia last week. The Khmer Rouge are generally held responsible for the deaths of thousands of people in Kampuchea while in power.

Peking believes the "Sihanouk solution" will avoid the de facto international recognition of the pro-Vietnam Heng Samrin regime that would occur if it raised Kampuchea in the United Nations. Diplomats see the Khmer Rouge as losing the seat in the coming autumn.

The Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh said Sunday Sihanouk's announcement that he was prepared to head an anti-Hanoi front in Kampuchea was a sign of China's helplessness. The Vietnam News Agency, monitored here, quoted the Kampuchean news Agency SPK as saying that China's attempt to form a front of "Kampuchean traitors" was an admission of its helplessness at developments in the country.

"In spite of feverish efforts by Peking, Washington and other circles, it is right now he affirmed that this mixture of heterogeneous elements can do nothing against the Kampuchean people whose vitality is growing daily," the agency said.

Meanwhile, foreign minister of the five-member non-Communist Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) will discuss Kampuchea in Manila at a conference between June 17 and 20, with the aim of halting Kampuchean opposition groups, it was announced Sunday. Philippine Foreign Minister Carlos Romulo said that foreign ministers of the United States, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and other concerned countries would also be invited to a meeting after the conference, to exchange views.



BORDER SKIRMISH: Thai border patrol troops fire a mortar shell across the Mekong river into Laos. (AP photo)

Laotian rally protests Thai border intrusion

BANGKOK, Feb. 16 (AFP) — About 10,000 people rallied in the Laotian capital, Vientiane, recently in protest against an alleged intrusion by Thailand during a border skirmish earlier this month, Laotian Radio reported Monday. The radio monitored here, said demonstrators from all walks of life con-

demned what it called the violation of Doo Sangkhi, a disputed islet in their Mekong river frontier.

Both Thailand and Laos have formally protested to each other over the fighting, which Thailand said wounded nine Thais on Feb. 8, at the height of the exchange of automatic,

artillery and mortar fire. Thailand closed the border after the incident, imposing what amounts to an economic blockade of landlocked Laos, a staunch ally of Vietnam. Laos blames the tension on China. Thailand has also referred to as "third hand," but it means Vietnam.

Communists campaign against immigrants in France

PARIS, Feb. 16 (AFP) — They number nearly four million, they come mainly from North Africa or Mediterranean Europe, they cannot vote — and now they have been thrown despite themselves into the fray of a campaign struggle leading up to the French spring presidential elections. Who are they? The immigrant labor force in France.

The trouble started late last year when the French Communist Party decided to launch a war on what it labeled immigrant "ghettos" in working-class suburbs of Paris and called for outbacks in the foreign work force. The party has provoked a vast national uproar through escalating actions including the partial destruction of a hostel for workers from Mali, setting immigrant bans in moderate rent housing, schools and vacation centers, and a demonstration outside the home of a Moroccan family that the party charged had been involved in drug dealing. Police could not substantiate this charge.

A wide range of French political groups, including both the majority parties on the right and segments of the Socialist and other parties on the left, have sharply condemned the Communists' actions as "racist." One member of the Socialist Party, the ex-partner of the Communist in a French left union, said the party had become like "an extreme rightwing group."

The Communists have vigorously contested these charges, party leaders, who have protested for the past few years over the concentration of immigrant workers in Communist-led municipalities, maintain that their sole concern is to block government policies tending to direct immigrants to leftist communities. Statistics plead in favor of the Communists' argument. Despite accords concluded in the 1970's for a balanced distribution of the foreign population throughout the Paris metropolitan area, the great majority of immigrants have been housed in

leftist municipalities. Communist Party leader Georges Marchais said last week his call for a halt to immigration was aimed at preventing an increase in the number of unemployed, "be they French or immigrants." There are currently 1,700,000 unemployed people in France, and this level has been on the rise, sparking debate on the issue of immigrants in the labor market. The country has a total population of some 53 million.

But despite the timeliness of the issue, the major parties and the national press have charged that the Communists' motives are strictly electoral.

Critiques of the recent actions have stressed that immigrants do not have the right to vote, while French workers — concerned over the future of their jobs and traditionally a xenophobic lot — look favorably on the party's call to "end the invasion of immigrants."

Devlin vows to enter political fray

DUBLIN, Feb. 16 (AP) — Northern Ireland Roman Catholic activist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, wounded in an assassination attempt last month, pledged Sunday to return to the political fray as soon as she is released from the hospital.

"I am too stubborn to be terrified," Mrs. McAliskey, 33, was quoted as saying in an interview with a Dublin newspaper, the *Sunday World*. "But I know I am very, very lucky to be alive."

Mrs. McAliskey was interviewed in Belfast's Royal Victoria Hospital where she is recovering after being shot seven times by gunmen who burst into her home Jan. 16. Her husband, Michael, was also wounded in the attack, but their three children were unharmed.

Mrs. McAliskey, who expected to be released in about two weeks, said she would immediately return to the campaign to get political prisoner status for convicted Irish Republican Army guerrillas in Belfast's Maze prison. Leaders of the guerrillas from the outlawed, mainly Catholic movement have announced they plan a new hunger strike March 1, the second in five months. The IRA is fighting to reunite this Protestant-dominated British province with the Catholic republic of Ireland.

"I will be as active as ever," said Mrs. McAliskey, who is likely to be on crutches for at least another month. "We just have to go on, particularly if another hungerstrike does start." Meanwhile, in Glasgow, Scotland, where 152 people were arrested in a clash between IRA supporters and Protestants Saturday, a Protestant leader demanded a ban on IRA marches.

"If something is not done to stop the supporters of the IRA marching through the streets of Glasgow, this city will be like Belfast in five years' time," said the Rev. David Castles.

Ito denies U.S. arms

TOKYO, Feb. 16 (AP) — Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito denied Monday a Communist legislator's charges that the U.S. marine corps has introduced nuclear weapons at its Iwakuni base in western Japan. Japan Communist Party legislator Mitsuo Higashinaka claimed at a Diet (parliament) session that a document had been found on the base which explained safety control procedures and the operation of nuclear arms.

The foreign minister said he would bring the matter to the attention of U.S. military authorities, but reiterated that the United States has not brought weapons into Japan under the provisions of the U.S.-Japan security treaty and Japan's anti-nuclear policies.

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Ottawa bid evokes controversy

Constitution debate begins today

OTTAWA, Feb. 16 (AP) — Canada's effort to break an archaic colonial link with London is setting off fireworks — with leaks of secret cables, hints of trans-Atlantic wiretapping, and charges that diplomats are working as "agents provocateurs."

The entire episode has become a field day for constitutional lawyers and a nightmare for the diplomatic corps. It was supposed to have been an amicable constitutional change, but instead it has proved embarrassing and troubling for two prime ministers, Canada's Pierre Elliott Trudeau and Britain's Margaret Thatcher.

The final phase of the Canadian parliament's debate on the issue begins Tuesday. What Trudeau wants to do is bring home the Canadian constitution, a document that now sits in a vault in London. It is officially named the British North America Act of 1867, which established the Canadian confederation. As an act of her Majesty's parliament, it remains under British control, and every time Canada needed an amendment British lawmakers had to adopt it.

Trudeau wants the Canadian parliament to end this humiliating anachronism by petitioning London to surrender control. But first



Canadian Premier Pierre Trudeau

the British will be asked to add a few final amendments, including a bill of rights and provisions for making future amendments in Canada.

The Canadian leader wants the British to do this because he and the governments of Canada's provinces cannot agree on taking these steps themselves once the constitution is back in Canada. Most of the 10 provinces object to the bill of rights and amending formula, arguing they diminish provincial powers.

Six provincial governments, outraged that Trudeau sidestepped them and went straight to London, appealed to Canadian judges, and buttonholed British lawmakers to plead their

case. Other "special interests," from Canadian Indians to women's groups, also jumped into the constitutional fray, seeking new protection in the revised document.

The Thatcher government, grappling with a stubborn recession and other problems, of its own, suddenly was in the middle of a Canadian tug-of-war. Ever since meeting with Mrs. Thatcher last June, Trudeau has insisted she is prepared to push his constitutional package through the British parliament. But on Feb. 4, it was disclosed that a top Thatcher lieutenant, Sir Francis Pym, told Canadian officials at an Ottawa meeting late last year that the package faced "appalling difficulties" in the British parliament.

The British, it developed, were balking because of the increasingly vocal Canadian opposition to the constitutional proposals. Pym complained that it was only in October, four months after Trudeau's initial approach, that Thatcher learned of the bill of rights proposals and other complications.

Then the next bombshell burst. Two members of the Canadian parliament alleged that at a social gathering the British Ambassador in Ottawa, Sir Robt Ford, tried to influence their votes on the constitutional issue.

Four days later, on Feb. 9, the spotlight shifted to the Canadian Ambassador to London, Jean Wadds. The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. reported it had obtained secret diplomatic cables in which Mrs. Wadds expressed the fear that Canadian telephone conversations on the constitutions were being tapped.

The British described as "nonsense" the suggestion they were tapping Canadian constitutional conversations, and Trudeau said he knew of no wiretaps. But the incident further heightened trans-Atlantic tensions in what was supposed to have been a dull and inoffensive parliamentary sideshow.

The Canadian prime minister said two weeks ago it would be wrong for Britain to "refuse to give complete and final independence to one of its former colonies" and he suggested the Canadian people would react strongly. One curious fact: even if the constitution is "sent home," Canada will continue to pledge allegiance to the Queen as head of state. The "revolution" in Canada, oldest of England's new world possessions, has not gone that far.

Shooting leaves one dead, 3 hurt in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY, Feb. 16 (AP) — An outburst of shooting in the downtown area of the capital involving police and members of the Christian Democratic Party left at least one person dead and three wounded, police officials have said.

Police and spokesman for the Christian Democratic Party offered conflicting versions of the incident Saturday in which a hand-grenade explosion and heavy gunfire erupted in front of the party's headquarters here. Police claimed members of the party opened fire on a security forces vehicle as it passed along the street near the Christian Democratic headquarters here.

But Vinicio Cerezo Arevalo, secretary general of the party, told reporters the attack was directed against him personally, adding that he refuses to leave the country. He said his automobile was hit by at least 40 bullets during the shooting.

The Christian Democrats recently reopened their offices here after having suspended all political activity last year because of political violence that they said was affecting party members throughout the country. Two unidentified party members were arrested after the shooting, police said. They did not say what type of weapons, if any, the Christian Democrats might have used to attack the security forces. Police said the dead man, and the three wounded in the incident, were all passers-by who got caught in the sudden burst of gunfire.

The Christian Democrats are tentatively scheduled to participate in Guatemala's presidential elections next March.



DEMOLITION: The nine-story Hertz parking garage crumbles in a cloud of dust Sunday as the building located in downtown Pittsburgh was demolished to make way for a new subway system to be constructed by the Fort authority of Allegheny county.

1m farmers attend Delhi rally

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — India's ruling Congress (I) Party Monday hit back at opposition-backed agitation among farmers with a rally here, said to be the biggest ever held since the country became independent. More than a million farmers from all over the country heard Prime Minister Indira Gandhi urge them not to join in the agitation and promise them help in an apparent response to their demands for better food prices.

In a 40-minute speech, Mrs. Gandhi, who was introduced as "the mother" by one of her party members, said the gathering was "a national rally and not a rally of my party," adding "we are here to show the world we are united."

Her audience was brought to New Delhi in 130 special trains, state-owned buses, private trucks and even tractors. Some buses were so overcrowded that one crashed, killing at least five farmers and seriously injuring others, reports said. The farmers started arriving Sunday and were lodged in 27 encampments around the city.

Organizers said that at least three million farmers were at the rally, but police put the figure at 1.5 million. Indian farmers or people in agriculture-related jobs, who constitute 80 per cent of the 650 million population, started their agitation in western Maharashtra state demanding better prices for their produce.

The movement soon spread to other states and the government offered incentives and increased the base price of several products. However, farmers' leaders have threatened to repeat their actions and observers here saw Monday's rally as an effort by Mrs. Gandhi to show her strength and frustrate efforts to renew the agitation.

Some opposition members of parliament boycotted a speech to both houses by President Sanjiva Reddy, claiming that government services had been used to bring the farmers to New Delhi.

U.S. agency recommends new mobile missile system

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — The United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency has come out in favor of new nuclear weapons in spite of an admission that they could accelerate the arms race. In its latest report to Congress the agency said the introduction of mobile MX and submarine-launched Trident II missiles by the United States could increase Soviet fears of American nuclear attack, leading to the development of new weapons by Moscow, upsetting the strategic balance and an arms limitation agreement.

However, the "national political and military risks involved in not deploying the MX are even greater," the agency said. It suggested that a limited quantity of the missiles would not jeopardize arms control.

The United States has not made a decision on whether to deploy both the Trident II and MX missile. Meanwhile, the second-ranking official at the Soviet embassy in Washington, Minister-Counselor Vladilen M. Vasev, said Saturday the SALT II treaty is "not in force" because the United States has not ratified it.

Asked about the fate of the strategic arms limitation agreement, Vasev told the cable news network: "I would say the ball is in the court of the (Ronald Reagan) administration... We are in the process of waiting for the United States to do its side of the agreement."

The U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency reviewed more than 90 U.S. weapons systems and concluded that all were in accord with present arms control agreements. The report was sent to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee.

The statements say both the land-fired MX missiles and Trident II missiles would overcome increasing U.S. vulnerability to a Soviet first nuclear strike. Arms control could be threatened, the statements say, if the Soviets developed a new weapons system to counter the increased capabilities the United States might gain from deployment of the Trident and MX missiles.

However, either the MX mobile missile system or the Trident II missiles could enhance arms control if the Soviets responded by building a controllable new mobile missile system of their own, the statements say.

"A situation in which both sides had deployed mobile intercontinental ballistic

missiles could be more stable than one in which one side's ICBMs were mobile (or otherwise survivable) and the other's were potentially vulnerable," one statement says. Mobile systems move nuclear missiles often so that the other side cannot locate them and destroy them in a first nuclear strike.

German reunification Honecker sees possibility

BERLIN, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — East German head of state Erich Honecker has predicted the possibility of a reunited Germany. At a meeting in East Berlin with party local delegates, Honecker issued a warning to those in West Germany who, he said, "pretend to consider the reunification of the two German states as an affair of the heart."

He said Sunday these people should beware, because one day socialism would "come knocking on their door" and the workers of West Germany would begin a socialist reorganization of the country. "The

U.S. allies meet in Bonn BONN, Feb. 16 (AP) — Foreign ministers of three major U.S. allies met secretly in the West German capital last week to discuss implications for Europe of the new Ronald Reagan administration's European policy, sources said Monday.

Bonn government sources, who asked not to be identified, declined to reveal details of the talks last Thursday between West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Foreign Minister Jean Francois Poncet of France and Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington of Great Britain. But the sources said the discussion centered on U.S. foreign policy developments and events in Poland, where labor unrest has prompted fears in the West of Soviet military intervention.

question of unification of the two German states will stand in a new light. There can be no doubt what our decision will be in that situation," he added.

It was the first time the Communist Party chief had ever spelt out the possibility of reuniting the two German states. After he took power 10 years ago, East Berlin dropped its previous commitment to unite Germany into a Communist system and insisted there were two irrevocably separated German nations.

In the following years, the East German authorities virtually eliminated the word Germany from the national vocabulary, dropping it from the titles of businesses and organizations. It was replaced with the initials D.D.R., the German abbreviation for the (East) German Democratic Republic, and even the East Germans themselves are now officially referred to as "D.D.R., citizens," never as Germans.

Only once before has Honecker shown any flexibility on the question of reunification. In a newspaper interview in 1978 he said it would be "possible to talk about it" if West Germany went Communist. His much more forthright remarks Sunday confirmed signs of a gradual move away from the insistence that there were no common links between East and West Germany.

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Nicaragua slips on a revolutionary banana peel

By Ward Sinclair

WASHINGTON (WP) — As though reeling from the pages of a comic novel, comes a true-life story, not even halfway humorous, about the big banana split.

It involves the largest banana importer in the United States and the Revolutionary Sandinista Government of Nicaragua, spurred by a lot of heated words that cloud their real need for one another. It only lasted a few weeks, but it neatly sums up much of what you need to know about modern U.S. relations with the small nations of Latin America.

Back in mid-December, Nicaragua decreed that it was going to take over production and marketing of its bananas — one of its important sources of foreign exchange — as a means of improving the lot of some 5,000 low-paid, poorly housed banana workers.

A week later, the U.S.-based Standard Fruit & Steamship Co., the largest buyer of the Nicaraguan fruit, said, in effect, "Okay, keep your bananas. We will no longer carry them to American breakfast tables."

Standard Fruit kept its word. And for the next three weeks, its banana ships stayed from Nicaraguan ports. Vile deed, responded Nicaragua's interior undersecretary, Luis Carrion Cruz. "Even if we have to eat every last banana, we are not going to allow these imperialists to humiliate the revolution," he said.

As the rate Standard Fruit buys bananas from Nicaragua, that would be a lot of homemade pies, fritters, cakes, puree and nut bread. Standard Fruit buys about 24 million worth of the fruit annually, about a third of the amount it places in Western U.S. markets.

Now, in other times, if a small banana-producing republic in Latin America has offended a big-time U.S. fruit company, there would have been hell to pay.

For example, one of Standard Fruit's rivals, the United Fruit Co., caused a furor in the mid-1950s when it helped the CIA overthrow a leftist government in Guatemala. United executives used to boast of their influence over other banana-republic governments, as well.

But those were other times. It is no longer business as usual in those countries, and even in decidedly revolutionary Nicaragua, which is desperate for operating capital, Standard Fruit is needed as much as it needs the bananas.

So when Standard Fruit diverted its banana fleet, the Sandinistas were stunned. They sensed an American corporate political gambit aimed at embarrassing their revolution. They promptly wrote to then-Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie, proclaiming their desire to continue business with Standard Fruit.

And then they appealed to Standard Fruit's parent firm, the Honolulu-based Castle & Cooke Inc., a multinational agribusiness outfit, for talks at the "highest levels."

The talks ended in San Francisco in mid-January, with the two sides announcing an agreement to "ensure the continuation of normal business operations by Standard Fruit in Nicaragua."

Standard Fruit's ships quickly resumed banana pickups and the fruit began reaching the United States again.

In the sweeping vacuity of diplomatic communiqués, the announcement said that all sides — government, producers, workers, shipper — were satisfied and that stability would prevail. For now, Nicaragua and Standard Fruit have pledged to disclose no details.

But at about that time, *Wall Street Journal* quoted Castle & Cooke's chief financial officer, Robert Cook, who said the agreement changed nothing. That Nicaragua made all the concessions and that the announcement was "for Nicaraguan consumption."

If true, the Sandinistas' slip on a revolutionary banana peel. C & C's President D. J. Kirchhoff hit the roof about as quickly as a whole cluster of top bananas hit the roof in Managua. Kirchhoff protested to the *Journal*, saying middle-banana cook had been misquoted in a way that could harm relations between Nicaragua and the United States.

It has not backed away from its story or published the C & C letter, but Kirchhoff made certain that copies reached Nicaraguan hands.

Among other things, Kirchhoff's letter said, the San Francisco agreement was "a signal example of the sort of cooperation and 'arms length' dealings that can be achieved where (as in this case) both sides approach the solution of difficulties in a spirit of good faith and fair compromise."

"Neither side capitulated nor made substantial concessions," the letter went on. And, Kirchhoff added, C & C now has "a better understanding of the needs of the Nicaraguan nation and the Nicaraguan Government has a better understanding of the significant problems we face in competing successfully in the global banana industry."

Francisco J. D'Escoto, minister counselor at the Nicaraguan embassy and one of the banana negotiators, said the quoted remarks "which we prefer to ignore" rankled feelings sharply in his country.

"Those remarks brought back my youth when I read novels about foreign companies operating in developing countries," he said. "Both countries have a lot to learn about mutual respect... but we are pleased with Kirchhoff's letter and with his rebuke of the statement."

As explained by D'Escoto, Nicaraguan banana production will remain in private hands but be overseen by a new regulatory agency that is to assure that the plantation workers — about 3,000 heads of households — receive better pay and benefits.

Castle & Cooke owns none of the operations, but shares in the action by providing management and technical advice, assisting in the packing of about six million boxes of

fruit per year and buying the bananas that meet U.S. market standards.

"We want Standard Fruit to remain in Nicaragua," D'Escoto said, "but we were puzzled about why they would leave. The Nicaraguan Government is not interested in taking over lands that are in production. We welcome people who are producers. We need them."

"We want good relations with the United States. You will find very few small, developing countries saying that today," he added. "We are so set on this that we are having the New York State Bar Association prepare a new foreign investment law for us. This is the case because we trust the American people. We don't have the experience. We inherited a damaged, hungry country from the Somoza regime."

One of the benefits Standard Fruit got from the government of the late Anastasio Somoza, unlike other major banana-producing countries in the Western hemisphere, was no tax on export bananas. There may be now.

"We are not going to tax companies just because they are rich. But we are committed to restructuring our country socially and economically," D'Escoto said. "The banana workers were unhappy. Their standard of living is not proper, health and housing conditions are very poor — you must see it to understand it. Landowners and banana producers must play a larger role in helping them."

By Joan Nesbitt Crossley

The Tongue-tied American — Confronting the Foreign Language Crisis. By Congressman Paul Simon, Continuum publishing corporation, New York; 214 pgs. \$12.95

JEDDAH — The United States can be characterized as the home of the brave, and the land of the monolingual — so stated Dr. Rose Lee Haydin, a scholar of the language scene. Congressman Paul Simon gives an eloquent testimony to prove this statement true, in a series of documented, comprehensive, interesting, and exceptionally readable chapters.

Simon is the representative from Illinois, and is the chairman of the House Select Subcommittee on Education. He was appointed by ex-President Jimmy Carter, to a special commission to study the United States' foreign language problem.

Simon takes a hard line view of a virtually monolingual society. He states, "At a time when the national need dictates that we should be increasing the exposure of our citizens to other languages and cultures, the exposure is declining. Cultural isolation is a



STRINGED INSTRUMENTS: A guitar seller tries out one of his own 12-string models during a quiet moment at Cebu, the second largest city in the Philippines after Manila, famed for its guitars and other stringed instruments.

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luxury the United States no longer can afford, but we are nevertheless culturally isolated."

In example, he says that of those who graduate from public high school in America today, fewer than four per cent have more than two years of a foreign language. The

even with this ethnic mix, nothing is being done to preserve this rich linguistic resource or to train people in the use of a language other than English. The United States' position in foreign relations, business and security all suffer due to its lack of understanding, Simon said in the book.

Everyone remembers when the Soviet leader Nikita Krushchev told the United States, "We will bury you." Everyone remembers wrong. The correct translation is, "We will survive you." Neither statement is pleasant, but the one the United States thought they heard is substantially more ominous sounding than what was actually said. Such nuances make a substantial difference in anger and misunderstandings. When ex-President Jimmy Carter visited Poland, the world guffawed at the translation errors. Carter's wish to "learn your opinions and understand your desires for the future" came out to be, "I desire the Poles carnally." The remark caused embarrassment to the president and the United States. A wrong translation between potential enemies can lead to difficulties much more serious than minor embarrassments, however.

Language is more than a social need; Simon states that international business relationships extend beyond importing and exporting. "Multinational businesses are a reality and are here to stay. Therefore, Americans need to study languages and cultures of other countries. The most useful international language in world trade is not necessarily English, but the language of the client," Simon adds.

The Helsinki Accords of 1975 obliges signatory nations to encourage the study of foreign languages, and Simon proposes to bring this about. "If English was good enough for our founding fathers, it's good enough for me," is a phrase that Simon says has several misconceptions. "Some of the founding fathers did not speak English. Of those who did speak English, many like Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams also spoke other languages," Simon added.

Simon posed a question that few people think about or participate in as a common courtesy toward a country and its people. That language is a key to opening minds and changing attitudes. To speak, read, write and understand another language is the beginning of understanding other dreams, hopes and miseries — and most of all, other people.

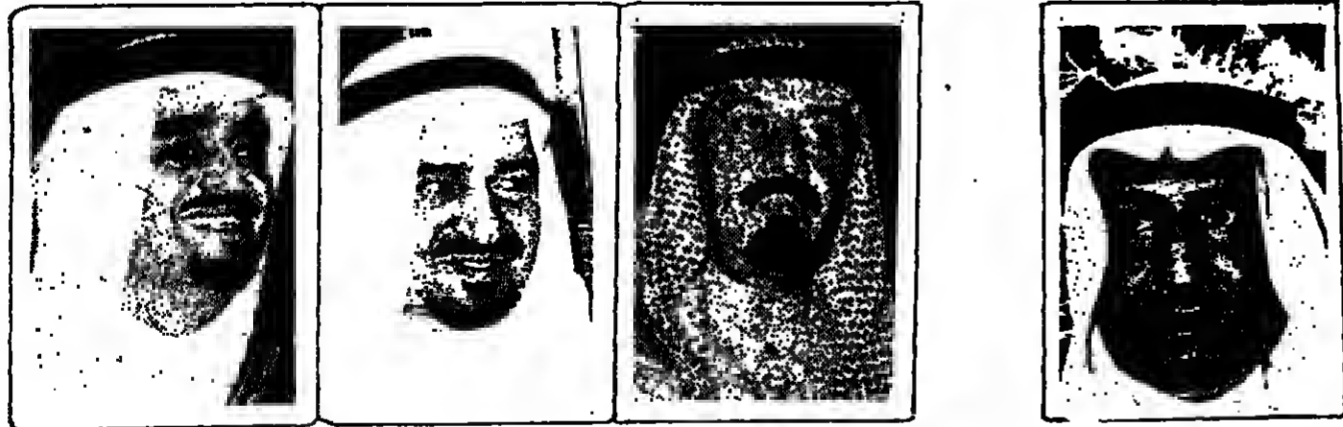
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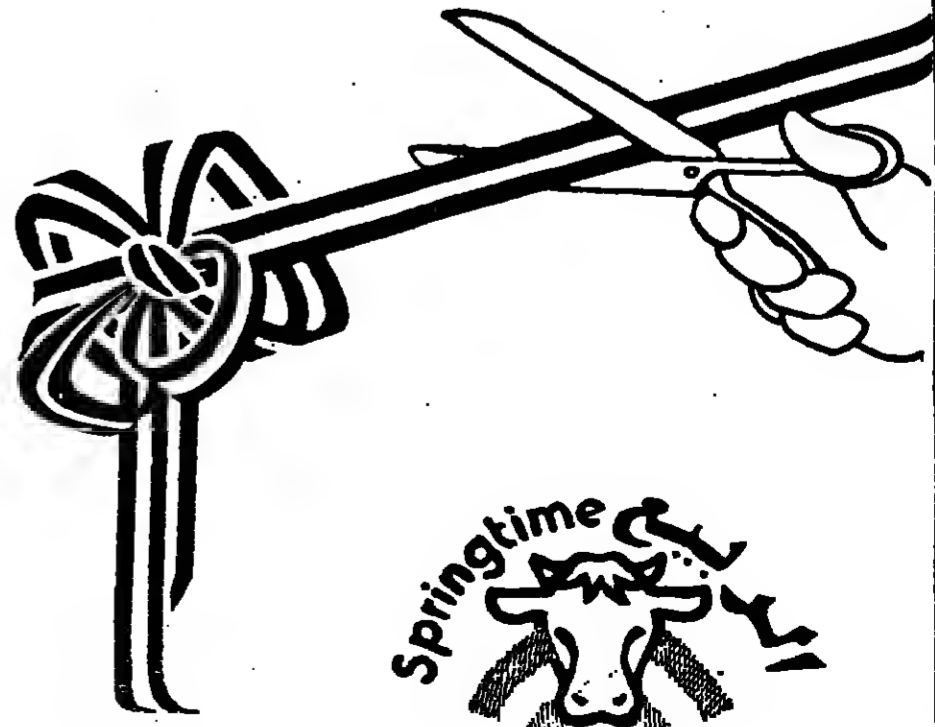
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U.S. moves to break 'iron triangle'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP) — Budget strategists of the Reagan administration are moving on several fronts to break the so-called "iron triangle," an alliance of Congressional sub-committee chairmen, bureaucrats and interest-group laid plans to cut U.S. government spending.

expected to play crucial roles in the drama surrounding President Ronald Reagan's budget-slashing ambitions agree that he has the best chance of any recent United States president to make substantial cuts, although several say he can't possibly get all he is expected to ask for.

budget-cutters from earlier administrations, is the coalition of Congressional sub-committee chairmen who help create or finance government programs, the assistant secretaries and deputy assistant secretaries who run them, and the interest groups that represent the programs' beneficiaries.

American firms to fight cuts in Export-Import Bank budget

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP) — Hundreds of corporations, fearing the loss of millions of dollars in overseas sales, are gearing up to fight the Reagan administration's proposed cuts in the budget of the Export-Import Bank, which aids U.S. companies doing business abroad.

helped increase U.S. export sales against competitors from Japan and Europe, which are subsidized by their governments.

The sub-committee chairmen often have a paternal affection for the programs. The bureaucrats tend to believe their programs should be bigger and better each year. And the interest-group lobbyists are always on hand to remind the other two sides of the triangle how important their constituencies are.

The companies contend that the proposed reduction in the bank's lending authority could hobble U.S. export industries and result in the loss of tens of thousands of jobs. The administration counters that the bank already is spending too much money, much of it unnecessarily.

But Reagan's Budget Director, David A. Stockman is proposing slicing its operations by 20 per cent in the current fiscal year and another 20 per cent in the year beginning next Oct. 1.

Reagan administration personnel officers already are dismantling one link — ridding the government of holdover program heads who might try to defend their areas against Budget Director David Stockman's onslaught, and appointing others believed to be committed to the president's spending cuts.

The companies fighting the proposed cuts range from small businesses to giants such as Boeing, Westinghouse, Lockheed, General Electric, McDonnell-Douglas and Fluor. Many are prime beneficiaries of the lending program run by the Ex-Im Bank, a government agency that uses low interest rates to entice foreign customers to buy costly American items like jet aircraft.

According to Stockman's "black book" of suggested spending cuts, the bank's loan authority for the current fiscal year would be reduced by more than \$1.1 billion, to \$4.9 billion while the cuts for fiscal 1982 would be deeper, from the budgeted \$5 billion to \$3.3 billion.

Edwin Meese, Reagan's closest adviser, said recently that the White House preferred empty offices to ones occupied by holdover appointees.

Defenders of the program say the bank has

Boeing aircraft, one of the largest beneficiaries of the bank's loans, summed up the feelings of most in a statement, which said in part: "While Boeing recognizes the need for major reductions for federal expenditures, it believes that it is not the national interest to take action that will result in the U.S. exporters being unable to effectively compete in the international market place."

Reagan strategists hope that speed, circumstances and attention to detail will help them disarm sub-committee chairmen who helped shatter the budget-cutting dreams of three previous administrations.



ECONOMIC MESSAGE: Reagan gets comfortable in an easy chair in Aspen Lodge at the presidential retreat to work on the hard task of going over the economic message he will deliver to a joint session of Congress.

Iran resumes oil supply to Japan

TOKYO, Feb. 16 (AP) — Iran will resume crude oil shipments to Japan this month after a ten-month suspension, oil industry sources said Monday.

The sources said Japan will purchase 170,000 to 180,000 barrels of Iranian oil a day, about 4 per cent of Japan's total oil imports, from January through September under contracts with the National Iranian Oil Company.

Most of the 12 Japanese oil importers negotiating with NIOC have already reached agreement, the sources said. Negotiations have been going on in Tehran since Japan lifted its economic sanctions against Iran soon after the U.S. hostages were released.

The sources said the Japanese will pay the Iranian government's price of \$37 a barrel plus a \$1.8 surcharge per barrel during the first three months of the contract, making the average price \$37.60 per barrel.

The price is the same as for British Petroleum and Royal Dutch-Shell in 1981 import contracts signed earlier. BP and Shell contracted to buy 65,000 barrels and 110,000 barrels of Iranian crude a day respectively.

Japan, which imports 99 per cent of its oil, imported about 530,000 barrels a day, 11 per cent of total needs, from Iran until last April when shipments were suspended over a pricing dispute.

Besides readjustment policy China faces acute inflation

PEKING, Feb. 16 (AFP) — China, once believed wrongly to be a country without inflation and unemployment, is now suffering severely from these two problems in addition to difficulties over its economic readjustment policy involving the cancellation of some major industrial contracts with foreign firms.

conditional on the purchase of an unsaleable bottle of soda, or where good cigarettes may only be bought together with two packets of the worst brand.

The only precise figure for inflation ever published is that it was running at 5.8 per cent in 1979, but Chinese economists view this as an unreal and outdated reflection of what is really happening.

The authorities apparently want to admit that inflation is higher than the figure given for 1979 and some recent signs indicate that they recognize a rate of 6.5 per cent at least where retail sales are concerned.

Unofficially inflation is running at nearly 20 per cent so far as the average Chinese is concerned, bearing in mind special considerations such as the remarkable rigidity of the market where there is scarcely any idea of what choice means.

The most spectacular recent example of inflation has occurred in the tourist industry. Careful estimates suggest that price rises in this sector are around the 24 per cent level, but it is difficult to see whether this reflects the real underlying rate.

It is not unusual to see a shop suspend the sale of ordinary goods to offer customers only so-called "superior" goods — at least so far as price is concerned.

Price rises by official services, euphemistically described as "readjustment", can amount to as much as 200 or 300 per cent from one day to the next. These moves are quite arbitrary and independent of any control mechanism such as competition.

Other shops make use of the illegal practice of compulsory purchase whereby the purchase of a bottle of beer, for example, is

Foreign Exchange Rates

Table with columns: Currency, SAMA, Cash, Transfer. Lists various international currencies and their exchange rates against the Saudi Arabian Monetary Unit (SAMA).

BRIEFS

WELLINGTON, (AP) — The New Zealand Dairy Board has signed a five-year dairy supply agreement with Egypt, New Zealand worth up to \$40 million annually. A total of 17,000 tons of dairy products will be sent to Egypt each year.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Geologists doing research on the continental shelf off the U.S. east coast have discovered major deposits of phosphate, the National Science Foundation announced the discovery Sunday. It said the huge phosphate deposits, located about 90 km off the coast of north Carolina, cover hundreds of kilometers.

Kuwait raises contributions to IDB

KUWAIT, Feb. 16 (R) — Kuwait has increased its subscription in the capital of the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank by 150 per cent, government spokesman Abdul-Aziz has said.

He said cabinet Sunday decided to raise Kuwait's contribution from 100 million Islamic dinars (\$120 million) to 250 million dinars (\$300 million) to enable the bank to fulfill its objectives. The Islamic dinar, equivalent to one Special Drawing Rights, is the unit of account used by the Islamic Development Bank.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Table with columns: Authority, Description, No. of Tender, Price SR, Closing Date. Lists various government tenders including drinking water supply, road asphalt, and construction projects.

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Rajai meets Soviet envoy

Iran says USSR policy similar to America's

TEHRAN, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Tehran radio has broadcast an account of a formal meeting between Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai and Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Vinogradov which contained Iran's sharpest criticism of the Soviet Union since the revolution two years ago.

U.S. policies threaten peace, PCC declares

DAMASCUS, Feb. 16 (R) — Palestinian leaders have said that the new U.S. administration was pursuing policies that threatened peace and stability in the Middle East. A statement issued Sunday after a meeting of the Palestine Central Council (PCC) said U.S. policy was hostile to the Palestinians and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

No troops in Ogaden, Somalia says

NAIROBI, Feb. 16 (AP) — A Somali government official denied that there were any Somali soldiers in the disputed Ogaden desert province of Ethiopia, but said Somali troops were "face-to-face" with Ethiopian troops at the border.

Israeli inflation rises 7.3 per cent

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16 (AP) — Israel's cost of living jumped 7.3 per cent during January, the central bureau of statistics announced Sunday. If inflation continues at the current rate, it will reach an annual figure of 133 per cent. Inflation for 1980 was 132 per cent.

States over Iran's war with Iraq. The radio said Sunday that in criticizing the United States, the Soviet ambassador referred to its policies on El Salvador, Chile and South Korea. The Iranian prime minister agreed but introduced Iraq and Afghanistan as examples of Soviet policy.

According to the radio account, Rajai gave the ambassador 20 minutes to explain what he described as Soviet silence on "Iraqi aggression" against Iran and cut off the ambassador to say that the Soviet Union had provided arms to Iraq and could have made it withdraw its forces in the first week of the war.

Vinogradov had started with a speech in which he said he wanted to warn Iran against an American plot to conspire against revolutionary movements in the pretext of fighting terrorism.

Rajai replied "The mere claim that you are anti-imperialist is not enough for us" and called on the Soviet Union to declare that "the war against Iran is an imperialist war. We think that you are either the United States' allies in this war or that 63 years after the revolution, you still lack an attitude expected from a revolutionary country."

"We think Iraq's weapons are supplied by you," Rajai was quoted by the radio as saying. "You should ask your government to declare officially its stand on Iraq. Then we shall be able to tell whether you favor imperialist or revolutionaries."

But Mogadishu radio, in a broadcast monitored here Monday, also quoted Samatar as saying: "At this moment, the Ethiopians have occupied the so-called de facto border. We are face to face with the Ethiopians at the frontier," Samatar did say, however, that fighters of the Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF) who, he said, the Somali government supported "diplomatically and humanely," had been involved in clashes with Ethiopian forces in the area, mainly inhabited by people of Somali ethnic origin.



Prime Minister Rajai

Israeli court bars takeover of W. Bank firm

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — The Israeli supreme court Monday barred a government takeover of the Arab-owned Electric Power Company serving the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem. The decision backed the pleas of the company's lawyers that the takeover of the company's operations in the West Bank was contrary to international law, but left the way open for Israeli control of supplies in East Jerusalem, which was annexed by Israel in 1967.

The court said, however, that in this case, the government would have to reopen negotiations with the company on a purchase price and whatever their result give two weeks' notice of takeover.

Observers said that with the imminence of general elections scheduled for late June and the probable defeat of the Menahem Begin government, the company would probably stay totally independent, as the Labor opposition has said it would not nationalize it.

The government was so confident of winning supreme court approval that it had made arrangements to assume control of power supplies in the occupied territories. Police were on alert and company employees warned against staging protest strikes.

The company, the largest Arab-owned undertaking in the West Bank, supplies electricity to a large number of Israeli settlements and even some military bases, as well as the main Arab communities.

Company Chairman Anwar Nusseiba, a former Jordanian defense minister, said after the ruling: "I am very pleased. We are still on the right track. Ultimately, justice will be done. It is impossible to break up the company. It is one company and one concession whose generators are in the Jerusalem."

Zia praises nonaligned declaration on Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq has hailed the declaration by last week's nonaligned foreign ministers conference on the Afghan issue, describing it as a "victory" by Pakistan. Talking to press at Multan, about 550 kilometers southwest of here, Zia said Sunday that the New Delhi declaration was all the more important in view of the general impression that the Soviet Union had colossal influence over the nonaligned movement.

Despite many difficulties and pressures, Pakistan stuck to its four-point stand on Afghanistan, he said adding that Islamabad's demand for withdrawal of Soviet troops, restoration of the nonaligned and Islamic character of Afghanistan, installation of a representative government and honorable return home of about 1.5 million Afghan refugees was upheld twice at the United Nations as well as at the Islamic summit and the Islamic foreign ministers conferences.

Pakistan, he said, would continue its efforts through all other possible means toward a political solution of the Afghan issue.

Asked whether Iran supported Pakistan's stand on Afghanistan, he said he was working for the two countries to act together for the purpose. Iran's approach, he said, would be positive on the Afghan problem.

Earlier addressing officers and soldiers at the garrison town, Zia said the Pakistani armed forces were better prepared than



President Zia

before to meet any threat.

"We want to live in peace with others, particularly with neighbors but at the same time, we cannot close our eyes to the developments taking place around us," Zia said. "It is imperative for our security and survival to keep our defense machinery well-oiled," he added.

Meanwhile, Jordan's Foreign Minister Marwan Al-Qassem described as "very fruitful" his talks Sunday with his Pakistani counterpart Agha Shahi on the results of the nonaligned conference. He said the restoration of Afghanistan to its traditional nonaligned status and withdrawal of foreign forces from the country were prerequisites for stability and security.

Sadat asks PLO to form govt.-in-exile

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (R) — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt has appealed to Palestinians to form a government in exile in an effort to stop hostilities with Israel and bring about "mutual recognition" between the two sides. Sadat, speaking to journalists Sunday after two hours of talks with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, said all Palestinian factions, including those in the occupied areas and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), should meet to form "a responsible government."

He hoped this would end Palestinian actions against Israel and Israeli actions against the Palestinians and "create the favorable atmosphere needed for their mutual recognition."

Sadat said he discussed the issue with Kreisky but the Austrian chancellor told reporters: "I have not formed personal views, he is in constant contact with them," Sadat said.

Kreisky said he was not mediating between Egypt and Israel or between Egypt and the rest of the Arab world. "Kreisky is playing an important role with the Palestinians because he is in constant contact with them," Sadat said. Kreisky said he hoped that after the Israeli elections on June 30, there would be a "more favorable political situation." Kreisky has good relations with Shimon Peres, leader of the Israeli Labor Party, which is expected to win the elections.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AP) — Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini's representative in Kerman-shah province has escaped an assassination attempt, according to Tehran Radio.

CAIRO, (R) — Three Palestinians and two Egyptians have been charged with trying to sabotage the Israeli embassy in Cairo.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — The Soviet ambassador to Pakistan Sunday stressed what he termed the need for an early meeting of the Colombo conference, under the aegis of the United Nations, on the issue of making the Indian Ocean a zone of peace.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Officials in the town of El-Bireh in the occupied West Bank north of Jerusalem have protested to the Israeli military authorities over the seizure of land nearby.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Unidentified gunmen opened fire early Sunday morning at a post held by the Fiji contingent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) near the coastal town of Rashidiye but caused no casualties, a U.N. spokesman said.

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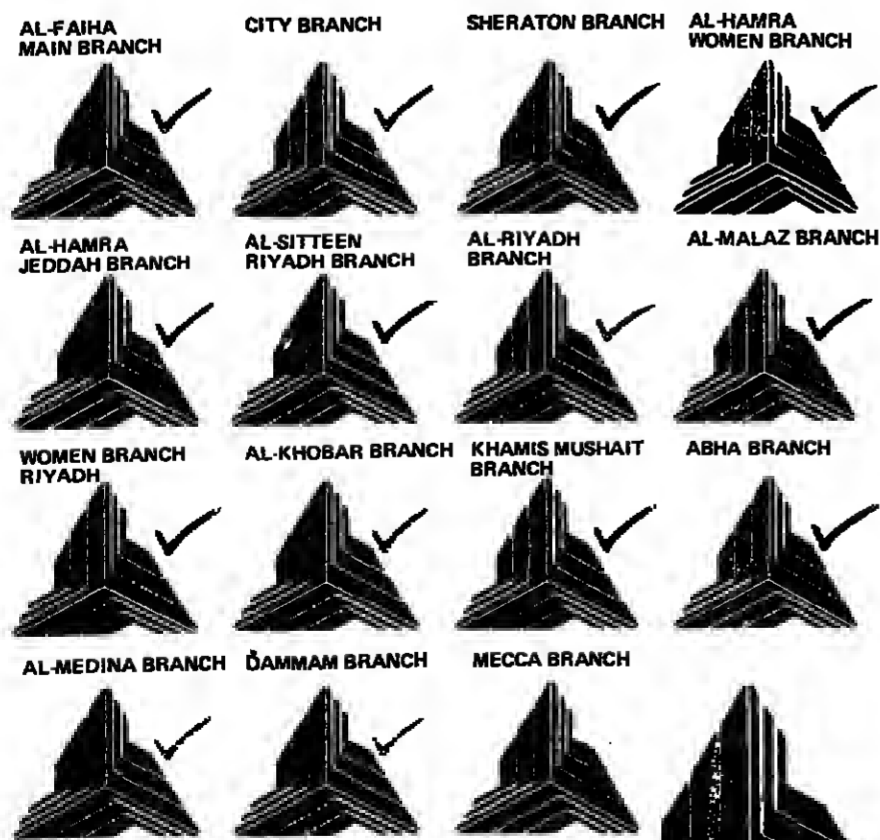
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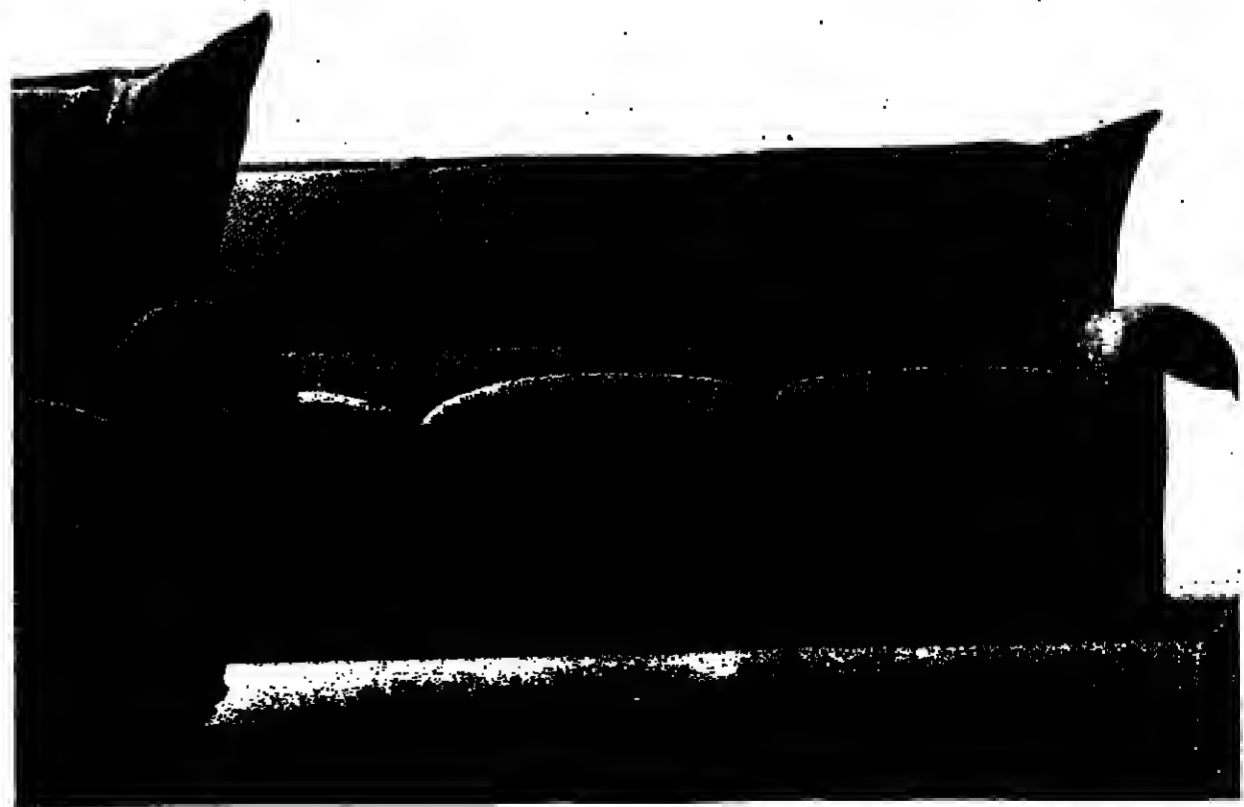
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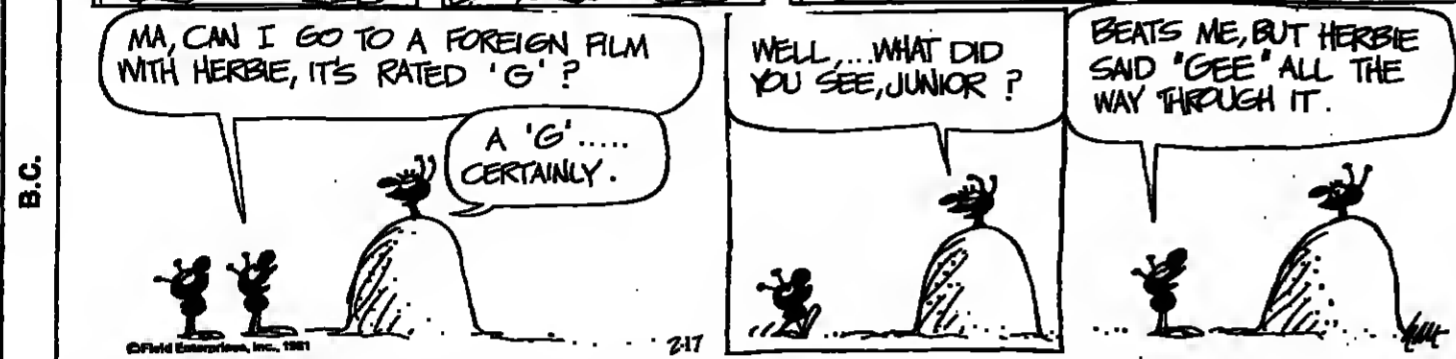
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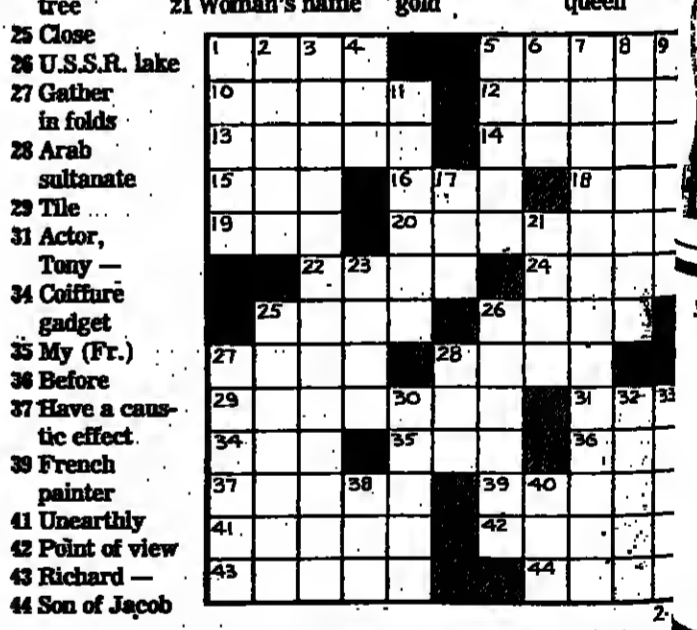
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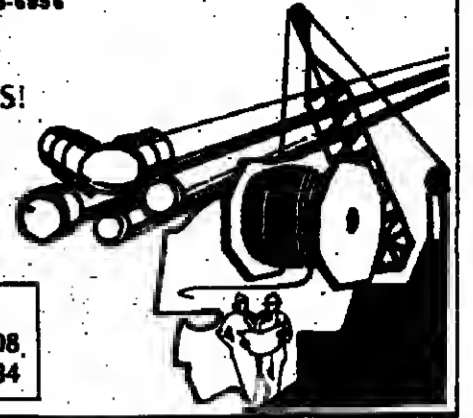
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Calls on Iran for talks

Saddam threatens to seize areas

BAGHDAD, Feb. 16 (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, in his strongest warnings so far in the Gulf war, has declared that Iraq would seize more Iranian territory unless the Tehran government started peace negotiations. Addressing reservist fighters Sunday before they went to the battle front, he said a current lull in the four-month-old conflict was designed to give Iran a chance to open peace talks.

Separatist's death

Strike paralyzes northern Spain

BILBAO, Spain, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Life in northern Spain's Basque country came to a standstill Monday as a general strike went underway to protest the death in police custody last week of an alleged member of the Basque Separatist Organization (ETA). Labor sources said the strike, called for by Basque nationalist and leftist parties, was practically total at noon in the three Basque provinces. The movement was also joined by the Navarre region, historically linked to the Basque country.



STUDENT UNREST: A Polish government delegation led by Education Minister Janusz Gorski arrives Sunday for talks with student leaders in Lodz, in an effort to end the students' sit-in strike.

Students end strike

Polish labor welcomes truce call

WARSAW, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — The independent trade union Solidarity Monday welcomed Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski's call for a three-month truce without strikes as a genuine sign that the new government wanted cooperation, not blind obedience. In an interview with the newspaper Zycie Warszawy, Solidarity spokesman Karol Modzelewski said that the union was taking Jaruzelski's call "most seriously" and viewed his words as ending a "dangerous trend" in national affairs.

for," he told the militia men. Iran says it has ruled out any negotiations until all Iraqi forces withdrew from its territory.

Asked whether Solidarity planned to renegotiate Gdansk agreements — which at the end of August paved the way for the independent union's recognition and ended weeks of economically disastrous strikes — the spokesman said that if the government had consistently treated the union as a partner, the population would have more readily accepted that in the current economic climate certain claims were overambitious.

The latest warning to Tehran follows new fighting in the central sector of the battle front around the hilly Self Saad area just 160kms east of Baghdad. Iran claims to have pushed Iraqi troops back in the rugged sector of western Ilam province.

Arregui died in Madrid Friday after being detained for 10 days by police under anti-terrorist laws. A magistrate in charge of the case said the body showed signs of bruising and there were burns on the soles of the feet. There were demonstrations against Arregui's death in the three Basque capitals and smaller towns during the weekend. Stones and petrol bombs were thrown at government buildings and police armored vehicles.

Nkomo men defy orders

SALISBURY, Feb. 16 (AFP) — Former guerrillas loyal to Joshua Nkomo, minority leader in Zimbabwe's coalition government, Monday continued to defy government orders that they should hand in their weapons before being moved to a new camp outside the city.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 former guerrillas from the ZANLA (Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army) forces of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe were Sunday disarmed and moved to a new camp without incident. But between 2,000 and 3,000 pro-Nkomo guerrillas have so far rejected a government ruling that they must hand in their weapons before they move to a new camp, well away from the ZANLA forces.

A government spokesman, meanwhile, said those not identified by noon Monday will be buried "in the interests of public health". The bodies have been stored for several days in railway refrigeration cars because the city mortuary was full.

1 dies in Karachi blast

KARACHI, Feb. 16 (AP) — Three persons were injured, one fatally, when an explosive device went off at Karachi's National Stadium minutes before Pope Paul II was to arrive, witnesses said.

Conductor Richter dies
MUNICH, Feb. 16 (AP) — Conductor Karl Richter, best known for his presentations of the works of composer Johann Sebastian Bach, was found dead Sunday in a Munich hotel, the victim of an apparent heart attack.



President Saddam Hussein

More persons involved in Hilton Hotel arson

LAS VEGAS, Feb. 16 (AP) — Arson investigators say they believe more than one person was involved in setting the fires that claimed eight lives at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel.

At least one of the four fires may have been set by someone who "wanted to jump on the handwagon" after the first blaze erupted, arson investigator Mike Patterson said Sunday.

A 23-year-old Hilton busboy, Philip Bruce Cline, allegedly told police he accidentally set the largest of the four fires that erupted in the east wing of the nation's largest hotel Tuesday. He was booked for investigation of murder and arson.

The \$10-million blaze injured 198 people, killed by just three months an electrical fire at the MGM grand hotel in Las Vegas that killed 84 people.

Pakistan amends order to appease students

By Shahid Orakzai
Arab News Correspondent
ISLAMABAD, Feb. 16 — Amid increasing student violence the Pakistan government Monday announced amendment to the university ordinance apparently to appease the agitating teachers and students.

Punjab, Sunday banned slogan rallies and assembly of more than four persons. Official press notes about such incidents did not give any detail of the damage to public and private property caused by the student violence.

Peking accuses Moscow

Afghan corridor annexed

PEKING, Feb. 16 (R) — China Monday accused the Soviet Union of having annexed the strategic Wakhan corridor which links Afghanistan with China and separates the Soviet Union from Pakistan.

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